

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	09/656,744	TRIPPLETT ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 10/203.
  2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27 and 29-38.
  3.  The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
  4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
    - a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:
      1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
      3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.
5.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
    - (a)  The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
  6.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the Examiner.
  - (c)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.
9.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)<br>3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)<br>5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____.<br>7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)<br>4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. <u>103</u> .<br>6 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment<br>8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance<br>9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Steve Stark on 11/3/03 at 11:15 am.

The application has been amended as follows:

in the specification:

substitute the second full paragraph of page 25 with:

-- As shown in Figure 2, cooling of mold blocks 18 may be accomplished by cooling nozzles 208 positioned around the mold block assemblies 36 or even within the frame 50 to cool mold block pairs 18. The location of the cooling nozzles 208 are in areas such that the mold block pairs 18 may be reduced in temperature by blowing forced air on the mold blocks 18 at specific locations. A single cooling nozzle 208 may be utilized or multiple cooling nozzles 208 may be utilized at various locations. A sufficient quantity of cooling nozzles 208 may be employed to cool the mold blocks 18 so that internal cooling water systems of the mold blocks is not necessary. This significantly reduces the cost and complexity of mold block assemblies 36 and mold blocks 120, 122. Other cooling air systems such as the system taught in U.S. Pat. No. 5,257,992 and 5,257,924 could also be utilized. --

in the claims:

cancel claim 28.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a method and apparatus having a machine cooperable with an extruder having a continuous trackway; a plurality of separate mold block assemblies restrained to travel about the trackway and at least one pair of mold block halves connected to each of the plurality of mold block assemblies, the mold block halves linearly displaceable from one another and capable of mating engagement to form a mold tunnel.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### ***Correspondence***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph S. Del Sole whose telephone number is (703) 308-6295. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Wanda Walker, can be reached at (703) 308-0457. The official fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306 for both non-after finals and for after finals.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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November 3, 2003

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